

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action in which it is urged that claims 1-21 and 23 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species as enumerated in the Official Action. The following election is made without traverse. Applicants wish to elect for prosecution on the merits in the present application the following as identified in the Official Action:

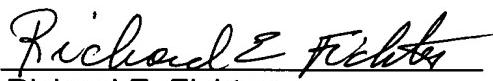
- 1) Matrix/membrane material - phospholipids
- 2) Contrast generating species - paramagnetic compounds
- 3) Imaging technique - magnetic resonance imaging
- 4) Physiological parameter - temperature
- 5) Targeting ligand - cell adhesion molecules.

Applicants have also amended the claims to clarify the invention taking into consideration the outstanding election. Claims 10 and 12 have been amended, claims 14 through 21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 24-38 have been added to the application and are directed to the elected invention. An examination of all the claims now present, on the merits, and taking into consideration the Information Disclosure submitted herein is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

Applicants would appreciate an acknowledgment of the claim for priority and receipt of the priority documents. In addition, Applicants also wish to have an acknowledgment of the claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for benefit of the provisional application referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that the next Official Action contain the appropriate acknowledgments in this regard.

In view of the above comments, further amendments to the claims and election, an early action on the merits of the claims now present in the application is now believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 10 and 12 with the following amended claims.

10(Amended). A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the matrix or membrane material forms a vesicle.

12(Amended). A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the matrix or membrane material forms a temperature or pH sensitive liposome.